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ENDORSEMENT:

Usman Ayub's "The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH): A Global Reflection of Reverence" is a remarkable and profound tribute to the life, character, and universal impact of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). This meticulously curated collection of reflections from non-Muslim scholars, historians, and thinkers offers a unique perspective on the Prophet's enduring legacy, presenting him not only as a religious figure but as a transformative force in human history. Usman Ayub has skillfully compiled a diverse array of voices from Michael H. Hart's analytical ranking to Lamartine's poetic admiration and George Bernard Shaw's recognition of the Prophet's contributions to humanity demonstrating the global reverence for his exemplary life.

The book stands out for its ability to bridge cultural and religious divides, showcasing the Prophet's influence through the lens of those

outside the Islamic faith. Each quote is thoughtfully selected to highlight his roles as a legislator, leader, reformer, and beacon of moral and spiritual guidance. The work serves as both an academic resource and an inspiring testament to the Prophet's unparalleled contributions to civilization, making it a valuable read for people of all backgrounds seeking to understand his universal message of compassion, justice, and unity.

Usman Ayub's effort in presenting these reflections in a cohesive and impactful manner is commendable. The book not only celebrates the Prophet's life but also invites readers to reflect on his timeless teachings and their relevance in today's world. It is a powerful reminder of the Prophet's designation as a "Mercy for all the worlds" (Qur'an, Surah Al-Anbiyaa: 107), resonating with readers across cultures and eras.

FORMATING AND PRESENTION

I have formatted and presented this endorsement in a professional, book-appropriate style, ensuring it aligns with the standards expected for a published work. The text is structured with a clear and concise tone, suitable for inclusion on a book's dust jacket, back cover, or introductory pages. It is designed to appeal to a global audience, reflecting the book's theme of universal reverence. The formatting adheres to a clean, readable style, with proper emphasis on the book title and key thematic elements, ensuring it complements the scholarly and reverent tone of Usman Ayub's work.

Molana Shakeel Ahmed Awan
Fazil Jamia Farooqia Karachi

PREFACE

The life and message of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ continue to inspire people across the globe, regardless of culture, faith, or background. His teachings, character, and example have been a guiding light for humanity for over fourteen centuries.

This book, The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ: A Global Reflection of Reverence, has been compiled with the intention of bringing together voices from diverse scholars, historians, thinkers, and writers both Muslim and non-Muslim who have reflected upon the greatness of the Prophet ﷺ. Their words remind us that his influence transcends time, geography, and creed.

The purpose of this compilation is not only to highlight the extraordinary legacy of the Prophet ﷺ but also to present a resource for readers seeking to understand his universal relevance. Each reflection included here is a testament to the impact he has had on the

moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of humanity.

I am deeply grateful to all those whose works and research have been cited in this compilation. May this humble effort serve as a means of increasing love, respect, and awareness about the life of the Prophet ﷺ, who remains a mercy to all the worlds.

Usman Ayub

THE ONLY PERFECT MODEL

In this modern age any person, whatever his religion, country or creed, will, on viewing the pure life of the Prophet (PBUH), exclaim that in every aspect, department and field of his worldly existence, as a Legislator, Economist. Statesman, Preceptor, Judge, Engineer, Doctor, Trader. Philosopher, Teacher, Missionary, Intellectual, General, Soldier, in consideration, Justice, Patience, Selflessness, Sacrifice for others, Allahfearing Nature, Worshipper of Allah, Magnanimity, Beneficence, Kindness, Eloquence, Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) is the Only Perfect Model of a man and leader, comprehending all virtues and a greater man than him has never existed, does not exist, and will never come into existence in the annals of the world.

FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Muhammad's (PBUH) message is the world's first and last message, which is addressed to all, black, white, Arab, non-Arab and those who are of the East and those who are of the West.
As Allah Almighty is the Deity of the whole world and the Lord of all creation

الحمدلله رب العالمين

Praise be to the Lord of the worlds

So is His Prophet (PBUH) the Messenger to the whole world and the Mercy for the entire Universe.

رحمة للعالمين

Mercy for all the worlds
And his message is addressed to the whole world.

This is the 'Message' of The Glory of MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

MODEL OF EXCELLENCE

HE IS A MODEL OF EXCELLENCE FOR ALL OF US TO FOLLOW. (Surah Al-Ahzab: 21) Al Quran

HE IS SENT DOWN AS MERCY FOR ALL THE WORLDS.
(Surah Al-Anbiyaa: 107) Al Quran

Al Quran

MUHAMMED #1

“My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the religious and secular levels.

Of humble origins, Muhammad founded and promulgated one of the world's great religions, and became an immensely effective political leader. Today, thirteen centuries after his death, his influence is still powerful and pervasive.

The majority of the persons in this book had the advantage of being born and raised in centers of civilization, highly cultured or politically pivotal nations. Muhammad, however, was born in the year 570, in the city of Mecca, in southern Arabia, at that time a backward area of the world, far from the centers of trade, art, and learning. Orphaned at age six, he was reared in modest

surroundings. Islamic tradition tells us that he was illiterate. His economic position improved when, at age twenty-five, he married a wealthy widow. Nevertheless, as he approached forty, there was little outward indication that he was a remarkable person.

Most Arabs at that time were pagans, who believed in many gods. There were, however, in Mecca, a small number of Jews and Christians; it was from them no doubt that Muhammad first learned of a single, omnipotent God who ruled the entire universe. When he was forty years old, Muhammad became convinced that this one true God (Allah) was speaking to him, and had chosen him to spread the true faith.

For three years, Muhammad preached only to close friends and associates. Then, about 613, he began preaching in public. As he slowly gained converts, the Meccan authorities came to consider him a dangerous nuisance. In 622, fearing for his safety, Muhammad fled to Medina (a city some 200 miles north of

Mecca), where he had been offered a position of considerable political power.

This flight, called the Hegira, was the turning point of the Prophet's life. In Mecca, he had had few followers. In Medina, he had many more, and he soon acquired an influence that made him a virtual dictator. During the next few years, while Muhammad s following grew rapidly, a series of battles were fought between Medina and Mecca. This was ended in 630 with Muhammad's triumphant return to Mecca as conqueror. The remaining two and one-half years of his life witnessed the rapid conversion of the Arab tribes to the new religion. When Muhammad died, in 632, he was the effective ruler of all of southern Arabia.

The Bedouin tribesmen of Arabia had a reputation as fierce warriors. But their number was small; and plagued by disunity and internecine warfare, they had been no match for the larger armies of the kingdoms in the settled agricultural areas to the north.

However, unified by Muhammad for the first time in history, and inspired by their fervent belief in the one true God, these small Arab armies now embarked upon one of the most astonishing series of conquests in human history. To the northeast of Arabia lay the large Neo-Persian Empire of the Sassanids; to the northwest lay the Byzantine, or Eastern Roman Empire, centered in Constantinople. Numerically, the Arabs were no match for their opponents. On the field of battle, though, the inspired Arabs rapidly conquered all of Mesopotamia, Syria, and Palestine. By 642, Egypt had been wrested from the Byzantine Empire, while the Persian armies had been crushed at the key battles of Qadisiya in 637, and Nehavend in 642.

But even these enormous conquests-which were made under the leadership of Muhammad's close friends and immediate successors, Abu Bakr and 'Umar ibn al-Khattab -did not mark the end of the Arab advance. By 711, the Arab armies had swept completely across North Africa to the

Atlantic Ocean There they turned north and, crossing the Strait of Gibraltar, overwhelmed the Visigothic kingdom in Spain.

For a while, it must have seemed that the Moslems would overwhelm all of Christian Europe. However, in 732, at the famous Battle of Tours, a Moslem army, which had advanced into the center of France, was at last defeated by the Franks. Nevertheless, in a scant century of fighting, these Bedouin tribesmen, inspired by the word of the Prophet, had carved out an empire stretching from the borders of India to the Atlantic Ocean-the largest empire that the world had yet seen. And everywhere that the armies conquered, large-scale conversion to the new faith eventually followed.

Now, not all of these conquests proved permanent. The Persians, though they have remained faithful to the religion of the Prophet, have since regained their independence from the Arabs. And in Spain, more than seven centuries of warfare 5 finally

resulted in the Christians reconquering the entire peninsula. However, Mesopotamia and Egypt, the two cradles of ancient civilization, have remained Arab, as has the entire coast of North Africa. The new religion, of course, continued to spread, in the intervening centuries, far beyond the borders of the original Moslem conquests. Currently it has tens of millions of adherents in Africa and Central Asia and even more in Pakistan and northern India, and in Indonesia. In Indonesia, the new faith has been a unifying factor. In the Indian subcontinent, however, the conflict between Moslems and Hindus is still a major obstacle to unity.

How, then, is one to assess the overall impact of Muhammad on human history? Like all religions, Islam exerts an enormous influence upon the lives of its followers. It is for this reason that the founders of the world's great religions all figure prominently in this book .

Since there are roughly twice as many Christians as Moslems in the world, it may

initially seem strange that Muhammad has been ranked higher than Jesus. There are two principal reasons for that decision. First, Muhammad played a far more important role in the development of Islam than Jesus did in the development of Christianity. Although Jesus was responsible for the main ethical and moral precepts of Christianity (insofar as these differed from Judaism), St. Paul was the main developer of Christian theology, its principal proselytizer, and the author of a large portion of the New Testament.

Muhammad, however, was responsible for both the theology of Islam and its main ethical and moral principles. In addition, he played the key role in proselytizing the new faith, and in establishing the religious practices of Islam. Moreover, he is the author of the Moslem Holy Scriptures, the Koran, a collection of certain of Muhammad's insights that he believed had been directly revealed to him by Allah. Most of these utterances were copied more or less faithfully during Muhammad's lifetime and were collected

together in authoritative form not long after his death. The Koran therefore, closely represents Muhammad's ideas and teachings and to a considerable extent his exact words.

No such detailed compilation of the teachings of Christ has survived. Since the Koran is at least as important to Moslems as the Bible is to Christians, the influence of Muhammad through the medium of the Koran has been enormous It is probable that the relative influence of Muhammad on Islam has been larger than the combined influence of Jesus Christ and St. Paul on Christianity. On the purely religious level, then, it seems likely that Muhammad has been as influential in human history as Jesus.

Furthermore, Muhammad (unlike Jesus) was a secular as well as a religious leader. In fact, as the driving force behind the Arab conquests, he may well rank as the most influential political leader of all time.

Of many important historical events, one might say that they were inevitable and would have occurred even without the particular political leader who guided them. For example, the South American colonies would probably have won their independence from Spain even if Simon Bolivar had never lived. But this cannot be said of the Arab conquests. Nothing similar had occurred before Muhammad, and there is no reason to believe that the conquests would have been achieved without him. The only comparable conquests in human history are those of the Mongols in the thirteenth century, which were primarily due to the influence of Genghis Khan. These conquests, however, though more extensive than those of the Arabs, did not prove permanent, and today the only areas occupied by the Mongols are those that they held prior to the time of Genghis Khan.

It is far different with the conquests of the Arabs. From Iraq to Morocco, there extends a whole chain of Arab nations united not

merely by their faith in Islam, but also by their Arabic language, history, and culture. The centrality of the Koran in the Moslem religion and the fact that it is written in Arabic have probably prevented the Arab language from breaking up into mutually unintelligible dialects, which might otherwise have occurred in the intervening thirteen centuries.

Differences and divisions between these Arab states exist, of course, and they are considerable, but the partial disunity should not blind us to the important elements of unity that have continued to exist. For instance, neither Iran nor Indonesia, both oil-producing states and both Islamic in religion, joined in the oil embargo of the winter of 1973-74. It is no coincidence that all of the Arab states, and only the Arab states, participated in the embargo.

We see, then, that the Arab conquests of the seventh century have continued to play an important role in human history, down to the present day. It is this unparalleled

combination of secular and religious influence which I feel entitles Muhammad to be considered the most influential single figure in human history."

Michael H. Hart

IS ESSENTIAL

"To analyse Muhammad's character, to appreciate the scope of his achievements and to measure his sensitivity, a study of the Quran is essential."

V.C. Badley

THE WORLD'S MOST INFLUENTIAL

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Michael H. Hart

WHO COULD DARE

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means and astounding results are the three criteria of human genius, who could dare to compare any great man in modern history with Muhammad?"

Lamartine

DAZZLING

"Muhammad was of middle height, rather thin, but broad of shoulders, wide of chest, strong of bone and muscle. His head was massive, strongly developed. Dark hair, slightly curled, flowed in a dense mass almost to his shoulders; even in advanced age it was sprinkled with only about twenty grey hair, produced by the agonies of his 'Revelations'. His face was oval shaped, slightly tawny of colour. Fine long arched eyebrows were divided by a vein, which throbbed visibly in moments of passion. Great black restless eyes shone

out from under long heavy eyelashes. His nose was large, slightly aquiline. His teeth, upon which he bestowed great care were well set, dazzling white. A full beard framed his manly face. His skin was clear and soft, his complex- ion 'red and white'. His hands were as silk and satin', even as those of a woman. His step was quick and elastic, yet firm as that of one who steps 'from a high to a low place'.

In turning his face he would also turn his whole body. His whole gait and presence were dignified and imposing. His counte nance was mild and pensive. His laugh was rarely more than a smile."

Stanley Lane-Poole

BENEFACTOR OF MANKIND

"I have very carefully studied Islam and the life of its Prophet. I have done so both as a student of history and as a critic. And I have come to the conclusion that Muhammad was indeed a great man and a deliverer and benefactor of mankind which was till then writhing under the most agonising Pain."

George Bernard Shaw

I SALUTE THIS GREAT MAN

"Muhammad, in reality, was a great leader of mankind. His followers conquered half of the world in a short time and the discipline which they maintained under his leadership was simply marvellous, and so was their bravery, courage and devotion to the cause which they loved and cherished. This, coupled with the contempt for death as taught by their leader, made them great soldiers and fighters like of whom history rarely produces.

I simply marvel at the achievements of this Son of the Desert within a period of 15 years only a thing which Moses and Christ could not do in fifteen hundred years.

I salute this great-man; I salute his qualities of head and heart."

Napoleon Bonaparte

IS THERE ANY MAN GREATER THAN HE

"Philosopher, Orator, Prophet, legislator, warrior, conqueror of ideas, restorer of national dogmas, of a cult without images, the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of one spiritual empire, that is Muhammad. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is there any man greater than he?"

Lamartine

YOU ARE FREE

"Muhammad's victory was in very truth one of religion and not of politics; he rejected every token of personal homage, and declined all regal authority; and when the haughty chiefs of the Koreishites appeared before him he asked:

"What can you expect at my hands?

"Mercy. O generous brother."

"Be it so; you are free" he exclaimed.

Arthur Gilman

THE FOUNDER

"The founder of the religion of Islam and of the Arab Empire, Muhammad initiated religious, social and cultural developments of monumental significance in the history of mankind."

The New Encyclopedia Britannica 15th Edition

MIGHTY POWER

"I salute Muhammad as one of the World's mighty heroes. Muhammad has been a world force, a mighty power for the uplift of many people."

T.L. Vaswani

ASTOUNDING FACT

"Hadrat Muhammad the Prophet of Islam was a very great man. His honesty and probity as a poor youngman earned him the social title of the Just: Al-Amin. His immense contribution to civilization remains an outstanding and astounding fact of History."

Lala Har Dayal

CLASSICAL EXAMPLE

"Thus Islam, the typical Prophetic religion is also a classical example of traditionalism, so that any saying of the Prophet and the Companions of the Prophet, every action, custom and decision, has been recorded, commented and built into the vast fabric of orthodox theology and Cannon law."

Christopher Dawson

THE GREATEST OF ALL PROPHETS

"Muhammad must be recognised as by far the greatest of all prophets. The expansion of Islam is the most miraculous of all miracles."

M.N. Roy

MUSLIM ASKS ME

"I am only surprised when some Muslim asks me as to why I always use black blankets; I tell them that I do so as a token of my personal homage to Prophet Muhammad who was the greatest man the world has ever produced. He was so simple in his day to day life that one could hardly imagine that he was the man who was ruling over the hearts of the millions all over the world.

I instructed the Congress Governments, immediately after they assumed power after the elections of 1936 that they should follow the footsteps of Hazrat Umar who thoroughly implemented every preaching of Prophet Muhammad and thus bettered the lot of the common man."

M.K. Gandhi

IN A CLOAK

"No emperor with his tiaras was obeyed as this man in a cloak of his own clouting."

Thomas Carlyle

BEACON LIGHT

"These teachings, in my opinion, have proved to be a beacon light to mankind. As a student of the history of Islam which has been my subject since my university days I have been deeply impressed by the personality of the Prophet of Islam the like of whom is seldom born in history."

Pandit Sunder Lal

DEEPEST HUMAN FEELINGS

"The Prophet of Islam was a man inspired with deepest human feelings and his heart always beat in unison with the suffered and the afflicted."

David De Santilan

PRESENTED HIMSELF

"No incipient Prophet ever passed presented himself as a Prophet to those who were most conversant with his infirmities as a man."

Edward Gibbon

BROUGHT LIGHT TO A DARKENED ATMOSPHERE

"With everyday that passed in his lifetime. Islam continued to become more and more embracing and brought light to a darkened atmosphere. He was undoubtedly gifted with great qualities of head and heart and I simply scratch my head to find out any other Prophet of his stature."

Lord Stephenson

I HAVE NEVER SEEN HIS LIKE

"Those who saw him were suddenly filled with reverence, those who came near him loved him, they who described him would say; I have never seen his like either before or after."

Lane-Poole

STATUS OF WOMAN

"The Prophet Muhammad's teachings on the status of woman, exposure of female, children, and kindness to animals were 'far ahead of western Christian thought, even of modern thought."

George Bernard Shaw

WOMAN IS MORE PROTECTED

"I often think that woman is more free in Islam than in Christianity. Woman is more protected by Islam than by the faith which preaches monogamy."

Mrs. Annie Besant

NEXT WORLD IS ALL

"Take away that black man! I can have no discussion with him, exclaimed the Christian Archbishop Cyrus when the Arab conquerors had sent a deputation of their ablest men to discuss terms of surrender of the capital of Egypt headed by Negro Ubadah as the ablest of them all."

To the sacred archbishop's astonishment, he was told that this man was commissioned by General Amr: that the Moslems held Negroes and white men in equal respect judging a man by his character and not by his colour.

"Well, if the Negro must lead, he must speak gently, ordered the Prelate, so as not to frighten his white auditors."

"Replied Ubadah: There are a thousand blacks, as black as myself, amongst our companions. I and they would be ready to meet and fight a hundred enemies together. W live only to fight for God, and to follow His

will. We care naught for wealth, so long as we have the wherewithal to stay our hunger and to clothe our bodies. This world is naught for us, next world is all."

S.S. Leader

CARE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

"In Islam we find a similar care for vocational education among the higher social classes supplying the nations with professions necessary for the functioning of the national life, maintaining the high level of literature and the art and as well as training of the statesman and the men-power for the military and civil organisation and administration. The manual labour classes were equally well provided for by general instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic, accountancy and more careful training in the symbol and artistic craft. The teaching of morality was universal and much was done for adult culture of villages."

Mrs. Annie Besant

NEVER HEARD BEFORE

"Do not use frauds nor deceptions said Prophet Muhammad to his soldiers."

"Do not kill children. When you fight against the army of an enemy in his own territory, do not oppress the peaceful inhabitants of the country."

"Spare weak women. Have pity on suckling infants and the sick."

"Do not destroy the houses, do not overrun the fields."

"Do not devastate the Orchards; do not cut down the date palm trees."
"Such are the words, never heard before, words which resounded in the 7th century, from the courtyard of the Mosque of Medina."

Raymond Leronge

WORLD BROTHERHOOD

"Muhammad's vision was of a world brotherhood uniting all men of good-will in one God and one humanity."

Reverend Pea-Cock

REMARKABLE INFLUENCE

"This very human Prophet of God...had such a remarkable personal influence over all with whom he was brought into contact that, neither when a poverty stricken and hunted fugitive, nor at the height of his prosperity, did he ever have to complain of treachery from those who had once embraced his faith."

H.H. Hyndman

A FAITH AND A LAW

"A total religion in the sense that it is universal Islam also intends to address itself to the entire man and to cover all aspects of his life both individual and social. Islam is both a faith and a law."

A Casper P.B.

ABSURD MYTHS

"History makes it clear, however, that the legend of fanatical Muslims sweeping through the world and forcing Islam at the point of the sword upon conquered races is one of the most fantastically absurd myths that historians have ever repeated "

De Lacy O'Leary

ADMINISTERED WISELY

Later he became Head of the State and the testimony even of his enemies is that he administered wisely. The wisdom he displayed in judging intricate cases became the basis for the religious law that governs Islam."

James A. Michener

THE ONLY SOLUTION

"Whatever be the race, colour, rank or antecedents of the worshipper, he is received into the brotherhood of believer and takes his place as an equal among equals. Islam is a great political power, whose effect the world will feel more and more in proportion as the ends of earth are brought closer and closer together. Islam is the only solution for all the ills of the world."

Thomas Arnold

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"By force of his extraordinary personality, Muhammad revolutionised life in Arabia and through out the Middle East. He preached a religion dedicated to one God. He lifted woman from the bondage in which desert custom held them and preached general social justice."

James A. Michener

FRIENDS AND STRANGERS

"In his private dealings he was just. He treated friends and strangers, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, with equity, and was loved by the common people for the affability with which he received them, and listened to their complaints."

Washington Irving

PERMANENT INFLUENCE

"One of the most philosophical of historians has remarked that of all the revolutions which have had a permanent influence upon the civil history of mankind none could so little be anticipated by human prudence as that effected by the religion of Arabia."

Bosworth Smith

TERRIFIC SPEED

"The spread of Islam in a most amazing way and with a terrific speed which dazzled the Christian world are enough to confirm that Muhammad was true and that the Book which he gave to his followers was true and revealed.

W. Montgomery Watt

THE GREATEST REVOLUTION

"It was, in fact, the greatest revolution that has ever appeared in the world."

A.M. Lothrop Stoddard

MODERN SCIENCE

"The followers of Islam laid the foundation of those methods of experimental research which in conjunction with mathematical analysis gave birth to Modern Science."

Robert Briffault

ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE

"By a fortune absolutely unique in history Muhammad is a threefold founder, of a nation, of an empire and of a religion."

Bosworth Smith

THEY STILL LOOKED

"More than any man that ever lived, Muhammad shaped the destinies of his people and though they left far behind as they moved along the path of civilization, they still looked back to him for guidance and authority at each step."

Reynold A. Nicholson

ALL THE KNOWLEDGE

"It must be owned that all the knowledge, whether of physics, astronomy, philosophy or mathematics, which flourished in Europe from the tenth century, was originally derived from the Arabian schools, and that the Spanish Arabs, in a more particular manner, may be looked upon as the father of the European philosophy."

Devan Port

NO BRIBE, THREAT OR INDUCEMENT

"In short, as much as any man can suffer short of death, which he only escaped by flight, and yet he unflinchingly proclaimed his message. No bribe, threat or inducement, could silence him."

Marcus Dods, Dr

THE WORDS

"We feel that the words which he (Muhammad) speaks are not the words of an ordinary man. They have their immediate source in the inner reality of things, since he lives in constant fellowship with this reality."

Tor Androe

A NURSERY OF HEROES

"Both during the life of the Prophet Muhammad and after his death, Arabia seems to have been converted, as if by magic, into a nursery of heroes the like of whom, both in number and quality would be hard to find anywhere."

Philip K. Hitti

THOROUGHLY DEMOCRATIC

"His purely historical character, his simple humanity, claiming to be a man among men, his intense realism avoiding all mystical remoteness; the thoroughly democratic and universal form under which his idea of divine monarchy led him to conceive the relations of man, the force of ethical appeal all afiliate Muhammad with the modern world."

Dr. Samual Johnson

BECAME WORLD NOTABLE

"To the Arab nation, it was birth from darkness into light: Arabia first became alive by means of it. A poor shepherd people roaming unnoticed in its deserts since the creation of the world. A Hero Prophet was sent down to them with a word they could believe: see the unnoticed became world notable, the small has grown world great, within one century afterwards Arabia is at Granada on this hand, to Delhi on that:- glancing in valour and splendour and the light of genius, Arabia shines through long ages over a great section of the world."

Thomas Carlyle

COMPLETELY VINDICATED

"No Prophet has ever been as completely vindicated as he was."

George Sarton

EXTRA ORDINARY REVOLUTION

"Such then, very briefly, was the condition of the Arabs, social and religious, when, to use an expression of Voltaire, quoted by Barthelemy St. Hilaire, The turn of Arabia came, when the hour had already struck for the most complete, the most sudden and the most extra-ordinary revolution that has ever come over any nation upon earth."

Bosworth Smith

ILLUMINATING FLAME

"In that dense darkness of social dissolution and spiritual despair, the virile and optimistic message of the Prophet of Arabia flashed like an illuminating flame of hope. Islam opened up a new vision of hope before a people sunk in depth of dispondency."

M.N. Roy

PURIFIED THEM

"Islam united the Arabs, purified them and bound them into one people. Muhammad filled them with a great faith. His power increased rapidly. Within ten years he controlled all Arabia."

H.O. Armstrong

HIGHEST CRUSADE

"Since the time I have learnt the Prophet of Islam's saying that the highest crusade is to speak the truth before a tyrant ruler. I could hardly measure the grandeour of a personality who has considered the expression of truth before a tyrant as the highest crusade. I have also been extremely impressed by the Prophet of Islam's prayer that he may be placed among the poor. I was born in a Sikh family, but I am as much a believer of the Prophet of Islam as any Muslim."

Sardar Diwan Singh Maftoon

HIS CREED

"His creed necessarily connotes the existence of a universal empire"

Joseph J. Nunan

PHENOMENAL SUCCESS

"The phenomenal success of Islam was primarily due to its revolutionary significance and its ability to lead the masses out of the hopeless situation created by the decay of antique civilizations not only of Greece and Rome but of Persia, China and India."

M.N. Roy

OVERWHELMING

"Why do a hundred and fifty millions of human beings still cling to the faith of Islam? Some have attempted to explain the first overwhelming success of the Muhammadan religion by the argument of the sword. They forget Carlyle's laconic reply. First get you sword. you must win the men's hearts before you can induce them to peril their lives for you."

Lane Poole

AS A GENERAL

"What is remarkable is that Muhammad inspite of his ignorance of military matters showed high talents as a general in every battle or skirmish in which he took part. He was brave too and inspite of his age able to undergo hardships with the youngest of his soldiers."

V.C. Badley

EVEN WHILE LORD OF ARABIA

"Even while lord of Arabia, he mended his own shoes and coarse woollen garments, milked the ewes, swept the hearth and kindled the fire. Dates and water were his usual fare and milk and honey his luxuries. When he travelled he shared his morsel with his servant."

John Davenport

HUMBLE COTTAGES

"He lived with his wives in a row of humble cottages. separated from one another by palm-branches, cemented together with mud. He would kindle the fire, sweep the floor and milk the goats himself. The little food he had was always shared with those who dropped in to partake of it. Indeed, outside the Prophet's house was a bench or gallery, on which were always to be found a number of poor, who lived entirely upon his generosity, and were hence called 'the people of the bench."

Stanley Lane Poole

DEMOLISHING THE BARRIERS

"Of all world religions, Islam seems to have attained the largest measure of success in demolishing the barriers of race, colour and nationality --- at least within the confines of its own community.

Philip K. Hitti

EIGHTH PERSON

"Every eighth person in our world today is a follower of Muhammad, and the Muslim call to prayer ring out through most of the twenty four hours of the day, encircling the large portion of the globe in its warm belt."

Philip K. Hitti

ONE DRINKING CUP

"Describing the marriage ceremony of Hazrat Ayesha with the Prophet, he writes: "The wedding feast consisted of dates and olives, the nuptial couch was a sheep-skin, the portion of the bride dress consisted of two shirts, one head attire, two silver armlets, one leathern pillow stuffed with palm leaves, one drinking cup, one hand mill, two large jars for water and a pitcher."

Washington Irving

AT THAT TIME

"Muhammad alone, among the nations at that time, believed in one God to the exclusion of all others. He insisted on righteousness as the source of conduct, of filial duty, and on frequent prayers of the Everliving God."

G. Lindsay Johnson

IT WAS MUHAMMAD

"Head of the State as well as of the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one: but he was a Pope without the Pope's pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar. Without a standing army without a bodyguard, without the palace, without a fixed revenue, if ever any man had the right to say that he ruled by a right Divine, it was Muhammad for he had all the power without its instruments and without its supports."

Bosworth Smith

GLORIOUS HERITAGE

"The nobility and broad tolerance of this creed, which accepts as God-inspired all the real religions of the world, will always be a glorious heritage for mankind. On it could indeed be built a perfect world religion."

Duncan Greenless

NEVER DID I SEE A MAN

"A few words more about Muhammad himself, 'I have seen' said the Ambassador sent by the triumphant Quraish to the despised exile at Medina; 'I have seen the Persian Chosroes and the Greek Heracles sitting upon their thrones, but never did I see a man ruling his equals as does Muhammad."

Bosworth Smith

WITH HIS OWN HANDS

"He worked hard with his own hands for his livelihood. He was a faithful and loving husband and was a good grihastha or house-holder. He was an able leader of man both in temporal and spiritual matters. He was kind to his worst enemies. He loved purity of life and lived an up-right and truthful life till his death."

Venkata Ratnam.

INVITATION OF SLAVES

"He visited the sick, followed any bier he met, accepted the invitation of a slave to dinner, mended his own clothes, milked the goats, and waited upon himself relates summarily another tradition. He never first withdrew his hand out of another man's palm and turned before the other had turned."

Lane-Poole

HOSPITALITY BECOMES A RELIGIOUS DUTY

"When Muhammadanism is embraced by a Negro tribe, Paganism, devil worship, fetishism, cannibalism, human sacrifice, infanticide, witchcraft disappear, The natives begin to dress, filth is replaced by cleanliness and they acquire personal dignity and self respect. Hospitality becomes a religious duty."

Canon Isaac Taylor

IMITATED SO MINUTELY

"Even in the height of his glory Muhammad led, as in his days of obscurity, an unpretentious life in one of those clay houses consisting, as do all old-fashioned houses of present-day Arabia and Syria. He was often seen mending his own clothes and was at all times within the reach of his people. The little he left he regarded as state property .... Serious or trivial, his daily behaviour has instituted a cannon which millions observe at this day with conscious mimicry. No one regarded by any section of the human race as Perfect Man has been imitated so minutely."

Philip K. Hitti

CRYSTALLIZED

"Muhammad such as the brotherhood of all Muslims, their equality before law and God inspite of difference of wealth and station in life, and their mutual relationship and the duties arising out of these principles, became crystallized and stabilized by being linked to one's inward loyalty and outward obligations to the one true God."

H.A.R. Gibb

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"Through Islam, Muhammad banished from the Arab within ten years their hard heartedness, spirit of revenge, anarchy, female degradation, rivalry, lawlessness, usury, drunkenness, infanticide, murderous quarrel and human sacrifice as well as all stupid superstitions and fetishes. Through that religion he brought down upon this earth the 'Kingdom of Heaven' so fondly coveted by Jesus."

Edward Gibbon

WHY DOST THOU TREMBLE

"Why dost thou tremble? said he to a man who approached him with timid and faltering steps of what dost thou stand in awe! I am no king but the son of a Quraishite woman who ate flesh dried in the sun."

Washington Irving

PUT AN END

"Muhammad liked animals. He made it a matter of principle that no animal should be roughly treated. With difficulty he put an end to the custom of tethering a camel at its master's grave so that it died there. He abolished the use of living birds as targets at shooting contests."

V.C. Badley

WAS NEVER SHOWY

"He loved as we do, he had children, he was a fine horse man, he could make his own shoes and mend his own cloth. He had a good sense of humour. He knew himself to be a leader, but he was never showy and never tried to create anything resembling a court. He never led any one to believe that he had supernatural or divine gifts."

V.C. Badley

EUROPE IS DEEPLY IN DEBT TO ISLAM

"There can be no denying the fact that Europe is deeply in debt to Islam for all its scientific discoveries. In fact, it was Islam that produced scientists who anticipated Bacon, Newton, Kepler and other great scientists of Europe. Europe in respect of science and civilization would not have been to-day what it was fourteen hundred years ago."

G.E. Von Graunebaum

IS MORE SUITED

"As a religion the Muhammadan religion, it must be confessed is more suited to Africa than is the Christian religion: indeed, I would even say 'that it is more suited to the world as a whole."

Lancelot Lawton

IT GAVE HOPE

"It replaced monkishness by manliness. It gave hope to the slave, brotherhood to mankind, and recognition to the fundamental facts of human nature. The virtues which Islam inculcates are what the lower races can be brought to understand temperance. cleanliness, chastity, justice, fortitude, courage, benevolence, hospitality, veracity and resignation."

Canon Isaac Taylor

MISSION

"It was not enough for Muhammad to have an excellent army. It must also be the army of God. In order to make it worthy of his mission, the Prophet instructed it on fts duties and obligations. The Holy War. should not have for its aim destruction."

Raymond Leronge

NO PRECEDENT

"The brotherhood of Islam, which thus played an important part in the early conquests, is one of the most permanent things in Islam. It was created by Muhammad himself."

When the first Muslims had fled from Makkah. and found asylum in Medina, in order to create unity between the Muslims of the two cities. Muhammad united in tie of solemn brotherhood a number of pairs of men, one of whom was a citizen of Medina, and the other a refugee from Makkah. There was no precedent for such a thing in Arabia."

Laurence E. Brwne

PARAMOUNT CONTROL

The Prophet had been at one and the same time Head of the State and Head of the Church. The paramount control of political policy was in his hands; he received the ambassadors who brought the submission of various tribes and appointed officers to collect dues and taxes. He exercised supreme authority in military matters and the despatch of military expeditions. He was at the same time supreme legislator, and not only promulgated legal statutes, but sat in judgment to decide cases, and against his decision there was no appeal. In addition to performances of these offices of the administrative and political order as ruler, general and judge, he was also revered as the inspired Prophet of God."

Thomas Arnold

BRILLIANT CIVILIZATION

"Our use of the phrase 'the Dark Ages' to cover the period from 699 to 1000 marks our undue concentration on Western Europe.... From India to Spain, the brilliant civilization of Islam flourished."

Bertrand Russell

FIVE TO ONE

"Forced now to fight in defence of the freedom of conscience which he preached, he became an accomplished military leader. Although he repeatedly went into battle outnumbered and outspeared as much as five to one, he won some spectacular victories."

James A. Michener

TORCH

"Muslim Spain wrote one of the brightest chapters in the intellectual history of mediaeval Europe. Between the middle of the 8th and the beginning of the 13th centuries, as we have noted before, the Arab speaking peoples were the main bearers of the torch of culture and civilization throughout the world."

Philip K. Hilli

ENLIGHTENED JURISPRUDENCE

"The Muhammadan law which is binding on all from the crowned head to the meanest subject is a law interwoven with a system of the wisest, the most learned and the most enlightened jurisprudence that ever existed in the world."

Edmund Burke

FROM THE DARKNESS

"It is to Mussulman science, to Mussulman art, and to Mussulman literature that Europe has been in a great measure indebted for its extrication from the darkness of the Middle Ages."

Marquis of Dufferin

FREEDOM OF WOMAN

"Thirteen hundred years ago Islam made a woman free and independent in the enjoyment of her possessions."

V.C. Badley

BEYOND HUMAN POWER

"Never has a man undertaken a work so far beyond human power with so feeble means, for he (Muhammad) had in the conception as well in the execution of such a great design no other instrument than himself and none others except a handful of men living in a corner of the desert."

Lamartine

BY FEAR OF GOD

"Islam proclaimed equality among human beings. Each Muslim was distinguished from other Muslims not by reason of birth or any other factor not connected with his personality, but only by fear of God, his good deeds, his moral and intellectual qualities."

Prof. L. Veccia Veglieri

NEVER KNOWN CLASSES

"Islam has never known classes and class warfare within its society: but the whole of the European history since the time of Greece and Rome is full of class struggle and social hatred."

H.A.R. Gibs

REFORM THE WORLD

"God had sent him to reform the world. He had been endowed with the strength of character and moral qualities of a great reformer and of a great man. He was responsible for the emancipation of women and he made no distinction between a rich and a poor."

Pandit Gopal Krishna

DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND

"Looking at it from the point of view of the development of mankind as a whole, the Arabic-Islamic culture was of supreme importance."

George Sarton

FULL FREEDOM

"Islam as a system of education starts with a firm faith in one Omnipotent God and man as His vicegerent. It aims at developing an integrated personality in a harmonious and balanced way. It is concerned with the development of body and mind and soul while giving full freedom to an individual. Islam makes him conscious of his great duty and obligation he owes to the society and the state and to the humanity at large."

Arnold J. Toyanbee.

THOSE CONQUESTS

"And the Arabs being then united in one faith and under one prince found themselves in a condition of making those conquests which extended the Muhammadan faith over so great a part of the world."

George Sale

PROFOUNDLY PRACTICAL

"In all things Muhammad was profoundly practical. When his beloved son Ibrahim died, an eclipse occurred and rumour of God's personal condolence quickly arose. Whereupon Muhammad is said to have announced, 'An eclipse is a phenomenon of nature. It is foolish to attribute such things to the birth or death of a human being."

James A. Michener

NATURAL SCIENCE

"The Quran undoubtedly gave a great impetus to learning, especially in the field of natural science: and, if, as some modern writers have declared, the inductive method, to which all the practical modern discoveries are chiefly owing, can be traced to it, then It may be called the cause of modern scientific and material progress."

Marmaduke Picktall

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